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DIARY NOTES

ADD/A (Colonel White)

26 February 1952

1. Talked to Larry Houston about the possibility of sending [redacted] who is now in [redacted] for two or three weeks to make a survey of the situation there and to determine whether it is advisable to have a lawyer in that area on a full time basis. I told Mr. Houston that I approved of the idea and asked him to talk with the DD/P regarding dispatching a cable to [redacted] to this effect.

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2. I advised Mr. Houston, through [redacted], that we thought it inadvisable to dispatch a letter to Judge Laws regarding excusing CIA personnel from jury duty. I told him that we thought it would be much more effective for either the General Counsel or the DD/A to talk with Judge Laws personally and that we would appreciate the General Counsel's recommendations as to who should do it.

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3. Larry Houston is sending forward a recommendation that we establish a Board of Contract Appeals which he thinks is essential in view of the large number of contracts which we are negotiating. We have one case pending now and there will almost surely be others. Mr. Houston and I both thought that [redacted] would be an ideal man to head this Board.

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4. Sheff Edwards advised me, as well as [redacted] of a special situation involving [redacted] which I will brief you on.

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5. Dr. Tietjen was over to explain his standby duty officer system. In substance, it provides for one medical officer to be on call at home between the hours of 1700 and 0830 during weekdays and at all times on Sundays and holidays. He also gave me a hasty briefing on his plan for "Zone of the Interior" hospitalization. It is really in the very formative stages and he will have a paper coming up on it in a month or so. No DD/A action is necessary at this time.

6. Bill Peel reports that he is working with Colonel Edwards on a system which would use IBM machines to determine whether there are any fake identification badges in the Agency. It will first be tested on I&S personnel and, if successful, expanded to other shops.

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7. [redacted] reports that [redacted] new Chief of our Military Personnel Division, reported for duty today.

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8. I asked [redacted] to expedite preparation of a Notice on the "Authorization and Control of IAC Personnel" which would make Assistant Directors responsible

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for not using IAC personnel in positions that can be adequately filled by civilians.

9. I approved of the publication of a new Regulation on "Secrecy and Security Agreements" which will standardize agreements and procedures and insure that all such agreements are coordinated with I&S. This has been concurred in by all Assistant Directors.

10. I talked to Colonel Lampkin and Colonel Ott of G-2 regarding General Smith's conversation with General Bolling concerning "vetting" of Army personnel detailed to CIA. General Bolling has given Colonel Ott some instructions on this subject and I will have [REDACTED] see Colonel Ott within the next few days to get a thorough understanding of the procedures.

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11. At luncheon today in the Director's Dining Room, Mr. Hedden raised the question as to whether we should continue having "coffee hours" at our cafeterias. It was his opinion that a great deal of time is wasted in this manner and that it is something which industry would not tolerate. Mr. Becker was very strongly opposed to this point of view, and Mr. Becker, as well as Kingman Douglass, Matt Baird, and others told Mr. Hedden that he was completely wrong in his view that industry would not tolerate such a practice and that, in fact, the idea had been bought by industry. I did not voice any opinion in the matter but have asked Bill Peel to make a check on the number of people using the cafeterias during coffee hours and the average length of time spent, etc., which should be of interest to us and which we can pass on to Mr. Hedden for his information.

12. At luncheon Mr. Hedden also ridiculed the weekly security briefing for new employees, part of which he has just attended. He thinks that the quality and type of instruction is not good and said, in substance, that "in the security briefing which he attended this morning he thought he had witnessed the most serious security breach that had come to his attention since he had been in the Agency." I discussed this with him and cannot agree that there was any security breach, but will fill you in on this matter in more detail. Mr. Hedden specifically requested that his sentiments not be communicated to Colonel Edwards since he wanted to attend the other half of the presentation next week.

13. An item in today's Washington Daily News ("Hearing Today on Nevios Tract Memorial Bill") is attached hereto. It is unusual that PBS did not advise us of this. In the bill up for hearing it was listed as "a bill to create a National Monuments Commission" which did not give our Legislative Counsel a clue as to its real intent. I have talked with Walter Pforzheimer and [REDACTED] about this and am meeting with them at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning to determine whether we should take any specific action to protect our interest in the Nevios Tract until some decision is made as to whether we really want it.

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